

City of Rowlett
Regular Meeting
Animal Shelter Advisory Board
Tuesday, January 8, 2013
City Hall Annex Room
4004 Main Street, Rowlett, Texas

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to order
Chairman, Dr. Lori McKelroy called to order the regular meeting of the Rowlett Animal Shelter Advisory Board at 7:36 pm on Tuesday, January 8, 2013. The following members were present: Dr. Lori McKelroy and Jeri Fontenot. City Staff present were: Lt. Marvin Gibbs and Jeff Oschner. Alternate present was Dawna Carabajal. Council member Carl Pankratz was present.
- II. Consider approving the minutes from the November 13, 2012 meeting.
The Minutes from the November 13, 2012 meeting were passed out and board members were given time to review them. The Chairman opened the floor for comments or questions. Motion was made by Jeri Fontenot to accept minutes with corrections. Seconded by Dawna Carabajal.
- III. Update from Staff on Shelter Stats
Jeff Oschner advises that new fiscal year begins October 1 and that first quarter is from October 1 through December 31, 2013. Just under 94% placement rate for the shelter was reported. This high number was attributed to various factors including Blackboard Connect and signs. Jeff explained how the numbers calculated.
- IV. Update from Staff on progress of utilizing Facebook, Blackboard Connect and other media outlets
Lt Gibbs updated on the on-going plans to utilize Facebook, Blackboard Connect and Twitter. Other media outlets include Channel 16 and internet). Spots will be taped by Shelter employees.
- V. Discuss proposed changes to the vicious animal ordinance
Jeff updated on a bull mastiff that had attacked two animals and an owner trying to protect his dog. The animal was declared a vicious animal and the shelter requested that the animal be turned over for immediate destruction. This went to court and an attorney was hired by owners of the mastiff. The judge sided with the attorney and interpreted that the way the ordinance reads, it will take three attacks in order for the shelter to take action. So, the ordinance will need to be amended. The dog and owner left the City. Board and Staff read the ordinance to see how it could be interpreted. They also discussed the spirit and intent of the ordinance and what "without provocation" constitutes. Recommendations for changes were: any individual dog that has on any previous occasion without provocation (which will be defined) attacked or bitten any domesticated animal or any individual dog which the Police Department or Animal Control Division has reason to believe has a dangerous disposition and is likely to be harmful to other animals. Board members inquired whether euthanasia was the only resolution after a dog is deemed vicious. Jeff responded

that they can be removed from the city however, then that puts the burden on another City. Animal Services is charged with what is best for the community and since they have received the first warning, euthanasia is usually what is chosen.

VI. Public Announcement

New billboard for Rowlett Animal Shelter was discussed.

Dr. David Shirley a long-time practicing vet has decided not to renew his contract. In the interim, Four Paws Animal Clinic has stepped in until a decision is made. RFQ will take about 8 weeks. Shot clinics will be continue to be held.

New staff member in Community Services, Jackie Lozada.

VII. Topics for future meetings

Proposed additional meeting in February 12, 2013

Board Orientation

Shelter Stats

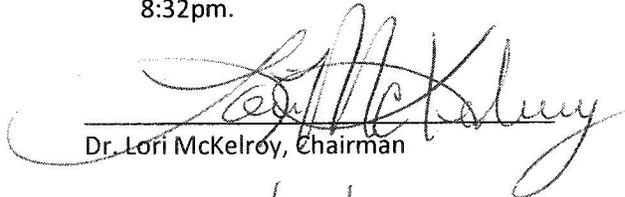
Shelter staff update

Pet abandonment

Pet registration and Micro-chipping

VIII. Adjournment.

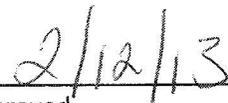
The Chairman, Dr. McKelroy called for a Motion to adjourn. The Motion was made by Dawna Carabajal and seconded by Jeri Fontenot. The meeting was adjourned at about 8:32pm.



Dr. Lori McKelroy, Chairman



Jackie Lozada, Assigned City Staff



Date Approved